

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6011

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, HA

SUBJ: FORCED LANDING BY AMERICAN AIR CRAFT IN CAP DES IROIS,

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1. AT 08:15 LOCAL TIME AUG. 26, EMBASSY RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. YONA BENJAMIN WHO REPORTED FORCED LANDING OF HIS AIRCRAFT ON THE BEACH AT CAP DES IROIS, WHICH IS ABOUT 25 MILES SOUTHWEST OF JEREMIE, HAITI. ONLY INJURY WAS A SWOLLEN ANKLE SUSTAINED BY HIS PASSENGER, VIC LOTAN. BOTH SAID THEY WERE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND HAD VALID PASSPORTS.

2. POLICE IN JEREMIE SAID THAT THEY WERE FREE TO GO AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE TO FLY THEM TO PORT AU PRINCE.

3. PLANE DEPARTED POALOCKA AIRPORT, MIAMI, BOUND FOR MONTEGO-BAY. ENGINE TROUBLE FORCED LANDING AT 22:30 LOCAL TIME AUG 25. PLANE WAS DESCRIBED AS AIR COMMANDER, TWIN ENGINES, BLUE AND WHITE, SERIAL NUMBER N6889S. EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO PLANE UNKNOWN. OWNER AND PILOT IS YONA BENJAMIN, WHO WANTS TO ARRANGE FOR A HELICOPTER TO RETRIEVE THE PLANE.

4. MR. YONA BENJAMIN ASKED THAT WE TELEPHONE QUOTE FATS UNQUOTE IN MIAMI AT (305) 448-2805. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT NOTIFIED THIS PARTY IN MIAMI IN CASE FEDERAL OFFICIALS MIGHT WANT TO FIRST INVESTIGATE. DOES DEPARTMENT WANT TO TELEPHONE UNCLASSIFIED

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5. TELEPHONE CONNECTION TO JEREMIE WAS VERY POOR. MR. YONA BENJAMIN MAY BE MR. BENJAMIN YONA.  
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